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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS WITH ZAIRE'S GROUND STATION

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU CALLED ME LAST NIGHT TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY THAT ZAIRE'S TWO GROUND STATIONS--VITAL FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD--WERE ON THE BLINK. HE SAID ITT HAD LEFT WITHOUT ADEQUATELY TRAINING ZAIRIAN CADRES AND THAT AMERICAN COMPANY SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN STATIONS ONCE THEY HAD BEEN PAID FOR THEIR WORK. HE CONCLUDED: "WE'LL PAY FOR IT, BUT LET'S GET SOMEONE FROM ITT OUT HERE RIGHT AWAY."

2. OUR FILES SHOW FOLLOWING ITT SUBSIDIARY AS ORIGINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GROUND STATION: ITT SPACE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 69 SPRING STREET, RAMSEY, NJ 07446, TEL: (201) 825-1600. PLEASE CALL THEM AT HIGHEST MANAGEMENT LEVEL, AND RELAY MOBUTU'S AND MY DESIRE THAT ITT RESPOND QUICKLY. REPORT ON YOUR DISCUSSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; AND I WOULD THEN, AFTER LEARNING ITT REACTION, ASCERTAIN FROM MOBUTU WHAT IN FACT HE WANTS ITT TO DO.
ANDREW

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